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SUBJ: THREE PROMINENT IOANNIDES ASSOCIATES JAILED ON TORTURE CHARGES

1. THREE FORMER CLOSE ASSOCIATES OF FORMER CHIEF GREEK MILITARY POLICE (ESA) DEMETRIOS IOANNIDES HAVE BEEN PLACED IN DETENTION AT BOYATI MILITARY PRISON (ATHENS AREA) WHILE AWAITING TRIAL ON TORTURE CHARGES LEVIED AGAINST THEM. ALL THREE SERVED FOR VARIOUS PERIODS AT ESA'S SPECIAL INTERROGATION CENTER (ATHENS) DURING TIME IOANNIDES WAS ESA CHIEF. THEIR NAMES HAVE APPEARED OFTEN IN CONNECTION WITH ALLEGATIONS OF ACTS OF TORTURE INFLICTED ON INMATES OF ESA INTERROGATION CENTER, MANY OF THEM "POLITICAL PRISONERS".

2. THE THREE NEW BOYATI PRISON INMATES AND THEIR INITIAL DATES OF DETENTION FOLLOW: LT. COL THEODOROS THEOFILOYANNAKOS, MAJOR ATHANASSIOS SPANOS, FEBRUARY 25. IOANNIDES HAS HIMSELF BEEN DETAINED AT KORYDALLOS PRISON (PIRAEUS) SINCE JANUARY 14 AWAITING TRIAL ON CHARGES OF HIGH TREASON AND SEDITION RELATED TO ORIGINAL APRIL 1967 MILITARY COUP. KUBISCH

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